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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM - WCIWY: ISRAELI CREDENTIALS

(S/S 7513291)

1. THE PROBLEM

HOW SHOULD WE REACT IF ISRAEL IS SUSPENDED FROM
WCIWY (WORLD CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR)?

2. BACKGROUND.

USDEL HAS PICKED UP RUMORS, ALBEIT VAGUE, THAT ARABS
AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED DELS MAY CHALLENGE ISRAELI CREDEN-
TIALS WH N CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT IS PRESENTED IN
PLENARY SESSIONPOSSIBLY JULY 1 OR 2. PRO FORMA REPORT
HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY COMMITTEE WITHOUT ISRAELI
PROBLEM BEING RAISED. USDEL WOULD OF COURSE VIGOROUSLY
OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST ANY SUCH MOVES. IF WCIWY PLENARY
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TAKES ACTION WITH EFFECT OF ACTUALLY SUSPENDING ISRAELI

DEL FROM REMAINING DAY OR TWO OF CONFERENCE, USDEL SHOULD HAVE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO REACT.

3. RECOMMENDATION.

A) THAT YOU APPROVE THAT USDEL SHOULD WALK OUT IF ISRAEL IS SUSPENDED. -

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B) THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR USE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AND WITHDRAWAL: -

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"OUR VOTE TODAY AND OUR INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL IS THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE WAY WE CAN SHOW THAT WE ARE IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED TO THE POSITION OF PRINCIPLE THAT NO MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM A CONFERENCE WHICH IS OTHERWISE OPEN TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER WHEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS EFFECT HAVE BEEN MADE AT OTHER MEETINGS. WE HAVE STRESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN OUR BELIEF THAT CONFERENCES SUCH AS THIS ARE NOT THE PROPER PLACE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD BE HANDLED IN OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. NOT ONLY DOES THE INTRODUCTION OF CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL QUESTIONS CURTAIL THE USEFULNESS OF MEETINGS FOCUSSED ON OTHER SUBJECTS, BUT IT DOES NOT FURTHER THE DIFFICULT STEPS FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH IS DESIRED BY ALL."
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